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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 254

Dear Sirs:

Applicant hereby requests the Commissioner to exercise his discretion and issue the attached Certificate of Correction for the above referenced patent (the "Patent"), pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254. The Certificate of Correction corrects clerical errors made by the Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office"), which is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office and is outlined in more detail below.

Applicant filed international application PCT/CA03/00927 (the "International Application") on June 10, 2003. On October 9, 2003 and March 4, 2004, Applicant amended the claims of the International Application pursuant to Article 19 of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty*. Subsequently, Applicant filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States on February 3, 2005. Applicant's submission to the Office on February 3, 2005 included a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application, as the submission for entry into the United States was made following the expiration of the 30-month deadline from the filing of the International Application for national phase entry. On May 8, 2006, following two dismissals, Applicant's petition to revive the application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was granted. The Patent published as

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application US 2006/0226279 A1 (the "Published Application") on October 12, 2006. Subsequently, a Notice of Allowability was mailed to the Applicant on November 16, 2006, and the Patent issued under patent number 7,191,979 B2 on March 20, 2007.

Applicant's claims as submitted to the Office on February 3, 2005 for consideration for issuance were identical to the claims as amended by Applicant in the International Application on March 4, 2004, were not modified by Applicant during prosecution in the United States, and are identical to the claims of the Published Application (the "Claims As Published"). Specifically, claims 4 to 8 of the Claims As Published are as follows:

4. The bung according to claim 2, wherein each flange in said plurality of flanges has anchor ridges on an outer surface thereof for contacting an inner cylindrical surface of the cylindrical opening of said paper roll.
5. The bung according to claim 1, wherein said core has a cylindrical protrusion at a first end thereof rotatably couplable to a mounting element on a dispenser.
6. The bung according to claim 2, wherein each of said plurality of flanges is attached to said core by frangible tabs.
7. The bung according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of flanges each includes a protruding lip extending outwardly at a first end of said flanges, said lip operative to stop said first end from entering the cylindrical opening of said paper roll upon insertion of said bung.
8. The bung according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of flanges each includes an inner lip extending inwardly at a second end of said flanges operative to engage said core such that said core is prevented from traveling too far into said paper roll when said flanges are broken from said core.

Following Applicant's receiving the Notice of Allowability, the Office issued the Patent with claims 1 to 9 (the "Claims As Issued"). Claims 4 to 9 of the Claims As Issued are as follows:

4. The hung according to claim 2, wherein each flange in said plurality of flanges has anchor ridges on an outer surface thereof for contacting an inner cylindrical surface of the cylindrical opening of said paper roll.
5. The hung according to claim 2, wherein each of said plurality of flanges are attached to said body by frangible tabs.
6. The hung according to claim 1, wherein said roll contacting element is operative to hold said body within the cylindrical opening of said paper roll.

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7. The bung according to claim 6, wherein said body has a cylindrical-shaped protruding end rotatably couplable to a mounting element on a dispenser.

8. The bang according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of flanges each include a Protruding lip extending outwardly at a first end of said flanges operative to stop said first end from entering further into the cylindrical opening of said paper roll upon insertion of said bung.

9. The bung according to claim 8, wherein said plurality of flanges each include an inner plate extending inwardly at a second end of said flanges operative to contact an edge of a corresponding plate on said cylindrical core to prevent said cylindrical core from traveling too far into said paper roll when said flanges decouple from said cylindrical core.

Claims 4 to 8 of the Claims As Issued erroneously use either "hung" or "bang" instead of "bung". More importantly, typographical errors aside, claims 5 to 9 of the Claims As Issued do not correspond to the Claims As Published, but instead correspond to the claims of the International Application following their first amendment on October 9, 2003. This occurred despite the fact that Applicant did not amend the claims during prosecution in the United States. Claims 5 to 9 of the Claims As Issued differ from claims 5 to 9 of the International Application as first amended on October 9, 2003 in that claims 5 to 7 of the International Application have been renumbered in the Patent, but the dependency of issued claim 7 has properly been rewritten so as to depend from issued claim 6. Consequently, there is no substantive difference between claims 5 to 9 of the Claims As Issued and claims 5 to 9 of the International Application as first amended on October 9, 2003.

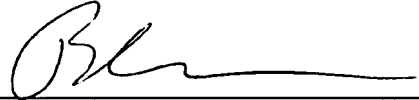
Given the mistaken use of "bang" and "hung" instead of "bung", and given that the Patent has issued with an earlier version of the claim set, it is respectfully requested that the Commissioner exercise his discretion and issue a Certificate of Correction without charge. In this regard, Applicant respectfully submits that the existence of typographical errors and the issuance of claims 5 to 9 of an earlier claim set are results of errors committed by the Office, as Applicant entered the national phase in the United States with the claims of the International Application as second amended on March 4, 2004, at no time amended the claims,

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and received no indication that the incorrect claims would be issued until following the completion of examination.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 4 at line 61, delete "hung" and replace it with "bung".

Delete claim 5 at lines 65 to 67 and replace it with the following:

5. The bung according to claim 1, wherein said core has a cylindrical protrusion at a first end thereof rotatably couplable to a mounting element on a dispenser.

Delete claim 6 at lines 1 to 3 and replace it with the following:

6. The bung according to claim 2, wherein each of said plurality of flanges is attached to said core by frangible tabs.

Delete claim 7 at lines 4 to 6 and replace it with the following:

7. The bung according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of flanges each includes a protruding lip extending outwardly at a first end of said flanges, said lip operative to stop said first end from entering the cylindrical opening of said paper roll upon insertion of said bung.

Delete claim 8 at lines 7 to 11 replace it with the following:

8. The bung according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of flanges each includes an inner lip extending inwardly at a second end of said flanges operative to engage said core such that said core is prevented from traveling too far into said paper roll when said flanges are broken from said core.

Delete claim 9 at lines 1 to 6.

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